

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing notification of an e-mail address change and forwarding messages to forwarding e-mail addresses, the method comprising the steps of:

registering a plurality of subscribers for an e-mail forwarding service, the step of registering comprising:

identifying disfavored e-mail addresses of the subscribers;

identifying forwarding e-mail addresses of the subscribers;

identifying one or more e-mail address change notification recipients;

sending a pre-generated e-mail address change notification to the identified one or more e-mail address change notification recipients; and

providing a description of the e-mail forwarding service in the pre-generated e-mail address change notification;

associating the disfavored e-mail addresses with the corresponding forwarding e-mail addresses in an e-mail forwarding computer;

providing an electronic address for receiving messages at the e-mail forwarding computer, said messages relating to any of the plurality of disfavored e-mail addresses;

receiving said messages at the electronic address;

identifying, with the e-mail forwarding computer, a disfavored e-mail address in a received message, the disfavored e-mail address being other than the electronic address for the e-mail forwarding computer;

determining, with the e-mail forwarding computer, a forwarding e-mail address associated with the disfavored e-mail address; and

forwarding at least a portion of the received message from the e-mail forwarding computer to the associated forwarding e-mail address.

2. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of registering further comprises providing a link to a subscriber registration interface in the pre-generated e-mail address change notification.

3. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of identifying one or more e-mail address change notification recipients further comprises selecting recipients from subscribers' e-mail address books.
4. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein prior to the step of sending a pre-generated e-mail address change notification there is a step of sending a test message to confirm that the forwarding e-mail address is correct.